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In re Application of

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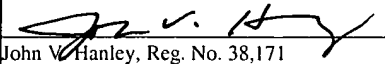
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed subsequent to the filing of a Request for Continued Examination on December 22, 2003. As it has been discovered that the Request for Continued Examination was submitted unsigned, another executed Request has been included herewith. It is hereby authorized that the previous submitted check to cover the Request for Continued Examination filed on December 22, 2003 be applied to the present Request. Also submitted herewith is a Request for a One Month Extension of Time in the event that such an extension is required. Please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below.